

**Caring for Washington Individuals with Autism Task Force**  
**John L. O'Brien Building—Hearing Room B**  
**Monday, April 24, 2006**  
**9:30 am – 4:30 pm**

**Goal:** Develop strategies and submit recommendations about how to best prevent, identify, treat, and accommodate the needs of individuals with autism and their families. Recommendations to the Legislature will include ways to improve the delivery and coordination of autism services in the state.

**Task Force Members:** Lou Colwell, Geraldine Dawson/Felice Orlich, Maxine Hayes, Monica Meyer, Linda Rolfe, Ilene Schwartz, Dawn Sidell, Diana Stadden, Carolyn Taylor, Ron Yauchzee, Representative Maureen Walsh, Representative Brendan Williams, Senator Marilyn Rasmussen, Senator Pam Roach

**Facilitator:** Marge Mohoric, Ph.D., Partner, The Paragon Consulting Group, LLC

**DOH Staff:** Maria Nardella, Leslie Carroll, Sofia Aragon, Candi Wines

## Agenda

Time	Topic	Presenters
9:30 AM - 9:50 AM	Welcome and Overview of the Day TVW Tips Draft Recommendations Update ( <i>formerly named Emerging Themes</i> )	Marge Mohoric, Facilitator
9:50 AM - 10:15 AM	Writing Subcommittee Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress to date and review process</li> </ul>	Subcommittee Member
10:15 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Morning Panel:</b> Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder  Purpose: to learn about support and resources available to families, which have been most helpful, and where the most serious gaps are.	Angela Dawson Steve Johnston Ginger Kwan Rhonda Meyer Julie Perales
12:00 PM - 12:20 PM	Working Lunch: Brief break and lunch	
12:20 PM - 1:00 PM	Discussion regarding the morning panel - what stands out for you in terms of potential issues/recommendations to be added to the Draft Recommendations?	Facilitator
1:00 PM - 2:45 PM	<b>Afternoon Panel:</b> Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder  Purpose: To learn about support and resources available to adults with ASD, which have been most helpful, and where the most serious gaps are.	Philip Carpenter Amanda East Eric Johnston Kenny Miller Deborah Thorsos
2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Public Input <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Collect cards w/public comments</li> <li>Public members address Task Force (3-4 min.)</li> </ul>	Non-Members in attendance (please sign in to speak during this time)

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3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	BREAK	
3:30 PM - 4:10 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion regarding the afternoon panel - what stands out for you in terms of potential issues/recommendations to be added to the Draft Recommendations?</li> <li>• Discuss how to integrate public input (including comments from the ASW meeting in Vancouver, as well as comment cards from members of the public added to the minutes)</li> </ul>	Facilitator
4:10 PM – 4:30 PM	<p>Wrap up &amp; Evaluation</p> <p><b>FUTURE MEETING DATES--ATF:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>May 22, 2006</b> (John L. O'Brien Building, Hearing Room B) Purpose of May meeting: to refine Draft Recommendations based on reviewers' comments</li> <li>• <b>September 7, 2006</b> (location to be announced) Purpose of September meeting: To approve the Final Recommendation Report to the Governor</li> </ul> <p><b>FUTURE MEETING DATES—Report Writing Subcommittee:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May – Draft the report</li> <li>• June – Draft the report</li> <li>• July – Report distributed widely for full review and public comment in July and August</li> </ul>	Facilitator